

**Warren Harbor Commission
Minutes from the February 5th, 2012**

Present

William J. Kemp (chair)

Don Betts

Tom Culora

Peter Tekippe

Mark Amaral

Craig Lippman

Matthew Calouro, Harbormaster

Dave Pion, Assistant Harbormaster

Julie B. Wyman, Roger Williams University

Elizabeth Blank, Law Fellow

Hank Kniskern, Chairman of the Newport Harbor Commission

Absent:

Julie Blount

Meeting Opened by Chairman at 7:15 p.m.

- M/S/C: Approval of the Harbor Commission Minutes of January 2013
- Introduction of new Law Fellow who is ready to start immediately. Joined by Julie Wyman from the Law School who oversees the Law Fellow program at the University. Discussed next steps, which will start with a meeting with the immediate past and current law fellow to review current status. The commission will confirm between four to six ROWs for this round of review and application.
- Guest presentation by the Hank Kniskern, Chairman of the Newport Harbor Commission and professor at Roger Williams University (RWU). Discussed the advantage of an Waterfront Enterprise Zone and value of having access to dedicated funds for managing, promoting and sustaining harbor activities. Also discussed the important of marketing, linking waterfront communities so that one is referring boaters to others and improving customer service. Newport has instituted a maritime alliance that brings together marine stakeholders to collaboratively work on these items. Went on to discuss other issues facing harbor commission including commercial moorings, ordinance revisions, and accessing URI's GIS mapping technology. Closed with expressed interest on having RWU students working in the local communities.
- Harbormaster Report: No Report
- Marina and Commercial Dock Update: No Report
- ROW Status and update: No Report

- Other Business:
- Motion to Adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

William J. Kemp, Chairman

Mark Amaral, Secretary